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Democratic Committee
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Reference:

12 Day Pre-General (10/1/96-10/16/96) and 30 Day Post-General

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(10/17/96-11/25/96) Reports

Dear Ms. Allina:

This letter is to inform you that as of March 19, 1997, the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated February 26, 1997. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact J.P. Andre' on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

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Reference: 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/96-10/16/96)

Dear Ms. Allina:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your calculations for Line 31, Columns A and B appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose this amount(s) to be \$115,774.88 and \$446,787.40, respectively. Please provide the corrected total(s) on the Detailed Summary Page.

-Your report discloses receipts totalling \$54,226.29 from Democratic State Party Victory Fund and DNC - Birthday Fund, which is a joint fundraising committee affiliated with your committee. Please be advised that a memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions received through the joint fundraiser. The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200 during the calendar year, and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. 11 CFR §102.17(c)(8)(i)(B)

-You must make an attempt to obtain the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for all individuals who contribute more than \$200 in a calendar year. Please amend your report to include the omitted information.

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A committee may demonstrate "best efforts" to obtain the required information by providing the Commission with a description of its procedures for requesting the information and may also supply a copy of a solicitation: the committee must request the contributor information in initial solicitations; make follow-up requests (if necessary); report the information; and file amendments to disclose previously unreported information. Each solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the information. If a committee receives a contribution that exceeds the 5200 threshold but lacks contributor information, the committee must, within 30 days, make an additional written or oral request for the information. Please note that a written request may not include an additional solicitation or material on any other subject, other than thanking the contributor for the donation and must include a pre-addressed return post card or envelope for the contributor's response. An oral request must be documented in writing. Committees must also disclose information that was not provided by the contributor, but is available in any of the committee's recurds for that current election cycle. Furthermore, if a committee receives contributor information after the contributions have been reported, it must submit, with its next report, an amended memo-Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received or file, on or before the next reporting date, amendments to the previous reports on which the contributions were originally disclosed. Sec 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i) and 11 CFR §104.7.

-You have received contributions from numerous entities, which appear to be unincorporated proprietorships or partnerships. Generally, these types of contributions are to be attributed to each person based on their percentage of ownership in the firm. Each person who has contributed in excess of \$200 since January 1 should be identified by name, address, occupation, name of employer, amount of contribution, and aggregate total on Schedule A. 11 CFR §110.1(k) Please amend your report by providing the omitted information.

"Schedule H4 discloses a disbursement(s) for admin/voter event(s) which appears to be using a ratio(s) inconsistent with those disclosed on Schedule H1. Please amend your report to clarify this apparent discrepancy.

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-Schedule D discloses that the debt(s) owed to AT&T and Wade Tours apparently has been settled. Please note that Commission regulations (11 CFR Part 116) control the settlement of debts between political committees and their crediturs. You should be aware that only terminating committees are permitted to settle debts. However, ongoing committees may request a determination from the Commission that a debt is not payable. 11 CFR §116.2(b)

If your committee is terminating, you must complete the enclosed Debt Settlement Plan (FEC FORM 8).

If your committee is ongoing, you may submit a request to the Commission which explains the circumstances, in detail, surrounding a debt(s) which you consider as not payable.

In either case, you must continue to report the debt(s) until you have been notified of the Commission's approval of your debt settlement plan or request. 11 CFR §104.11

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Reports Analyst

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